Tsum language

Tsum is a language from the subgroup of Tibetic languages[2] spoken by the Tsum people primarily in the Tsum valley of the Gorka District of Nepal. The language is also known as *Tsumke*.[3]

Tsum	
Tsumke	
Region	Nepal
Native speakers	4,800 (2000 census)
Language family	Sino-Tibetan ▪ Tibeto-Kanauri ? ▪ Bodish ▪ Tibetic ▪ Kyirong–Kagate ▪ **Tsum**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	ttz
Glottolog	tsum1240 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/tsum1240) Tsum[1]

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Speakers

There are over 4000 speakers of Tsum, known as *Tsumpas*.[4] Many speakers of the language have migrated away from the Tsum valley, and now live in Kathmandu and abroad. Younger Tsumpas are more likely to be educated in Nepali and English, leading to attrition of the language.[3]

Language structure

Tsum has a two-tone language system.

Relationship to other languages

There is a varying degree of mutual intelligibility between Tsum and other Kyirong-Yolmo varieties. It is most closely related to Nubri and Gyalsumdo, and more distantly related to other languages in the family.[5]

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